

NEWHAVEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the

YEAR ENDED - 31st December, 1968



NEWHAVEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AT 31st DECEMBER, 1968

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Temporary Assistant Public Health Inspector

J. E. L. Smith (to 31st October, 1968)

Office Staff

Mrs. L. V. J. Harris (Appointed 12th October, 1964)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Newhaven Public Health and Housing Committee.

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the state of public health and on the sanitary circumstances of Newhaven for 1968.

The vital statistics of the area compare very favourably with those for England and Wales and do not call for any comment. Two infant deaths were notified compared with three in 1967.

Only twelve cases of infectious disease were notified during the year and of these six were measles. Routine measles vaccination was started for children in the second year of life and for susceptible children up to school leaving age who have neither been immunised nor had natural measles. It is unlikely that vaccination played much part in reducing the number of measles cases in 1968 since it was not a measles year. 1969 would have been the next measles year and it will be interesting to see how the number of notifications compare with 1967, the last measles year. One new case of tuberculosis was notified during the year.

Attention is drawn to the number of deaths from cancer of the lung (eleven). This is the highest annual figure ever known in Newhaven. Ten of these deaths were in men and six of these were under the age of 65. This largely preventable condition is killing more and more people each year. The total for 1967 for England and Wales was 28,188 compared with 12,396 in 1949. The number of deaths from this cause is rising by about 1,000 a year at the present time. The medical profession is convinced, though not entirely, since some doctors still continue to smoke cigarettes, that the cause of these premature deaths is cigarette smoking. Doctors have reduced their smoking considerably more than any other group of people and statistics are showing conclusively that the number of deaths from lung cancer in doctors is now falling. Amongst smokers there is also an increased rate of heart disease, of bronchitis, and of cancer of the bladder.

During the year twenty-one families were rehoused from unfit properties enabling some progress to be made in the slum clearance programme. One clearance area containing ten houses was declared in 1968. Towards the end of the year, a further survey of the older property in Newhaven was started to determine the number of unfit houses still remaining. This figure is likely to be substantial and if this property is to be dealt with in a limited time, the energetic building programme of 1968 will need to be continued for some time.

113 Council properties were completed during the year and this large programme formed most of the Valley Road scheme which is due for completion during 1969. In addition some 188 private houses were completed and a further 70 were in the course of construction at the end of the year.

The area continues to develop industrially. During the year more industrial premises were completed and the number of persons employed in the town is rising steadily. It is estimated that more than 2,700 persons are now employed in local factories. Complaints have arisen during the year about industrial processes being carried on in proximity to residential property. The major complaint is about excessive noise and I think it is very important to appreciate

the damaging effect that this can have on both physical and mental health. Planning control must ensure that noisy industrial processes and housing are separated as widely as possible if the quality of life is to be preserved for many people. In the cases arising during 1968, remedial works have produced a marked reduction in the amount of noise emitted but additional measures are still required in certain cases.

I should like to pay tribute to Mr. W. P. Harrison who retired in December from the post of Public Health Inspector to both the Town and Port of Newhaven. He had held the post for more than twenty-three years and as a retired Master Mariner had been exceptionally well qualified to deal with the work associated with a seaport. I welcome the opportunity to wish him a long and happy retirement. Mr. J. E. L. Smith, a retired Public Health Inspector, who had been appointed in September, 1965 to carry out duties mainly in connection with the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 also retired, at the end of October. Mr. M. R. Gibbs was appointed as a successor to Mr. Harrison and he took up his duties at the beginning of October. With the continued growth of Newhaven as an industrial town and with the increasing use being made of Newhaven as a port for the importation of foodstuffs, I do not believe that one inspector can adequately carry out all the duties placed on him by statute.

Finally, I want to tender my thanks to you for your help and encouragement during the year.

I am Madam Chairman and Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

J. L. COTTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STATISTICS FOR THE AREA

(a) GENERAL STATISTICS

(b)

	Are	a (acres)			1,772
	Popt Popt Popt	ulation (1931 Censu ulation (1951 Censu ulation (1961 Censu	ıs)	r mid year 1968)	9,760 7,381 7,783 8,325 290
		ber of occupied hou ber of occupied hou			2,196 3,274
		eable Value (Januar duct of penny rate	ry, 1968)		£568,994 £2,270
)	VIT	AL STATISTICS			
	1.	Births and Birth F	<u>Rates</u>	NEWHAVEN U.D.	ENGL AND & WALES
	×	Corrected birth ra	births per cent of total live births er 1,000 live and	159 16.3 18.1 6.9	16.9
		Total live and sti	still births	6.0 160	14.0
		Live births Legitimate Illegitimate	Male Female Total 75 73 148 7 4 11		
			82 77 159		
	2.	Deaths and Death F	Rates		
		Deaths Death rate per 1,0	000 population (crude)	160 16.4	
	×	Corrected death ra Infant deaths (dea Total infant death	ths under 1 year)	12.3	11.9
		Maternal mortality	live births)	13	18.0
		Number of deaths Rate per 1,000 1	,	0	198
			hinthe	0	0 24

In order to compare death rates and birth rates in different parts of the country, the Registrar General supplies comparability factors for every district, so as to adjust for irregularities regarding age and sex in the local population. Applying a comparability factor of 1.11 to the crude birth rate of 16.3 the adjusted rate becomes 18.1 which is higher than the figure of 16.9 for England and Wales. Similarly a comparability factor of 0.75 applied to the crude death rate makes the adjusted rate of 12.3. This is higher than the rate for England and Wales at 11.9.

births

0.24

POPUL ATION

The population of Newhaven for the last ten years is given below: -

Year	Population	Births	Deaths	Birth Rate	Adjusted Birth Rate	Death Rate	Adjusted Death Rate
1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968	8,010 8,160 8,360 8,520 8,780 9,010 9,260 9,380 9,470 9,760	103 136 117 145 143 171 165 158 157	98 103 109 134 137 117 124 139 118 160	12.9 16.7 14.0 17.0 16.3 19.0 17.8 16.6 16.3	13.2 17.2 14.4 17.5 18.4 21.4 20.1 19.0 18.8 18.1	12.2 12.6 13.4 15.7 15.6 13.0 13.4 14.8 12.5	10.0 10.2 10.7 13.4 12.3 10.5 10.7 12.0 9.0 12.3

The increase in population during 1968 was 290 and it seems likely that the population will continue to rise at a steady rate over the forseeable future.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No case of maternal mortality occurred in Newhaven during 1968. Only one maternal death has occurred in the area during the last thirty-two years.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Two infant deaths occurred in 1968 in Newhaven.

BIRTH RATE

The corrected birth rate is higher than that for England and Wales.

DEATH RATE

The corrected death rate of 12.3 per 1,000 population is higher than the national figure of 11.9.

Highest age at death was 102 years Lowest age at death was 2 hours Average age at death was 72.9 years

	MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH	
(1)	Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	64 64 60.0
(2)	Cancer (all sites) (Cancer of the lung or bronchus accounted for)	23 14.4 11 6.9

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

Action was taken on one occasion during the year under the above legislation to remove an old lady who was aged and infirm, was living in insanitary conditions and who was unable to devote to herself and was not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention. She was admitted to Brighton General Hospital where she made a steady recovery. She was still resident there at the end of the year.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Voeks	4 Weeks & Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Syphilis and its Sequelae	M F	_ 1	<u>-</u> -	<u>-</u>	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 1	 - -
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	M F	1 -	- -	-	- -	- -	- -	-	-	<u>-</u>	- -	1 -	- -
Malignant Neoplasm Lung Bronchus	II F	10	- -	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	2 -	4	2	2 -
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	M F	2	_	-		- -	-	- -	-	-	-	2	-
Halignant Neoplasm Uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Leukaemia	lī F	1-	-	-	-	-	-	- -	-	- -	1 -	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	II F	3	-	-	-	-	-	 	-	1	1 -	2	1
Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	II F	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 -	-	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M F	ī	-	-	- -	- -	-	- -	-	-		1	_
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	LI F	ī	-	_	- -	- -	_	-	-	-	ī	-	-
Meningitis	IA F	1 -	1 -	- -	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	lī F	2	-	-	-	-	-	_	<u>۔</u> ب	_	1	-	1 -
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M F	ī	-		-	-	_	 	_	-	_	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	И F	3	-		-	-		-		-	1 -	3	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	lí F	19 24		-		-	_	-	_	1 -	1 2		11
Other Forms of Heart Disease	H F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	1		3 4
Cerebrovascular Disease	II F	11 27	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	_	1 -	36	6 20
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M F	4 3		-	_	_		-	-	_	1	1 -	2

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under - 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & Under 1 Year	1- 5	- 15	_ 25	- 35	- 45	- 5!	5- 65	75 5- 01) ·&·
Pneumonia	M F	3 -	 	-		_	- -	1	 - -	- -		1 -	1 -
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M F	3		- -	- -	-	- -	- -	-	-	-	2 2	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	H F	2	-		-	-	-	<u>-</u>	-	-	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	M F	ī		 	-	-	- -	- -	-		-	-	ī
Appendicitis	M F	1 -		-	-	-	-	- -	-	-	1 -		-
Cirrhosis of Liver	M F	1	-	-	- -	-	-	_	- 1	-	1 -	-	-
Other Discases of Digestive System	M F	1 -	-		-	-	-	-	-	1 -	-		-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	II F	- 1	- -	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-		ī
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M F	1 -	1 -	-	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill- Defined Conditions	M F	1 -	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	1 -	-		-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M F	ī	-		ī	-	-	-	-	-	-		_
All Other Accidents	M F	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-		1	3
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	И F	•	2 -	-	ī	-	-	2	2	5	14	20 25	28 53

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

L. PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

During the period under review the Medical Officer of Health for Newhaven also acted as Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Lewes, the Urban District of Seaford and the Rural District of Chailey.

One Public Health Inspector retired on 16th December, 1968 and his successor commenced his duties on 1st October, 1968. The ten weeks period during which both officials were in post enabled the change to be effected with the minimum of disturbance. The temporary assistant Public Health Inspector whose main duty had been the inspection of premises in connection with the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 resigned on the 31st October, 1968 and the vacancy thus created was not filled.

2. <u>LABORATORY FACILITIES</u>

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

3. AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The provision of the ambulance service is the responsibility of the East Sussex County Council.

4. The area served by the ambulance includes the districts of Newhaven, Peacehaven, Telsombe, Piddinghoe, Tarring Neville and South Heighton. In the event of a further call or calls being received before the ambulance has returned from a previous journey, arrangements are in being for the call to be dealt with by other authorities in the area. Should this be necessary, it is done by radio control.

The East Sussex County Council provide facilities for the transport of tuberculosis patients.

4. HOSPITALS

Under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the Department of Health and Social Security is responsible for the provision of hospital accommodation which, in this area, was materially the same as in previous years.

5. NURSING IN THE HOME

As in previous years, the East Sussex County Council, as empowered by Section 25 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has arranged for the service to be provided by the East Sussex County Nursing Association through the Newhaven and District Nursing Association.

6. CLINICS

The following is a list of clinics and treatment centres available during 1968 for residents of the district:-

Description and Situation	Day and Time of Attendance	By whom provided
Dental Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Monday to Friday inclusive of each week By appointment	East Sussex County Council
Speech Therapy, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Every Friday by appointment	East Sussex County Council
Cytology Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Mornings -3rd Tuesday as necessary Evenings - 2nd & 4th Tuesday as necessary	East Sussex County Council
Toddlers Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	lst & 2nd Thursday afternoons 5th Wednesday afternoons	East Sussex County Council
Ante-natal Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - 1st 2nd & 3rd Monday in every month (General Practitioners Clinic) - 4th Monday in every month (Midwives Clinic) - 4th Tuesday in every month (General Practitioners Clinic)	East Sussex County Council
Mothercraft & Relaxation Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, Newhaven.	Afternoons -1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Tuesday in every month	East Sussex County Council
Infant Welfare Centre, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Wednesday in every month	East Sussex County Council
Immunisation & Vaccination Clinics, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWH AVEN.	n Afternoons - 1st Thursday in every month	East Sussex County Council
Welfare Foods, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - Monday Wednesday & Friday of each week	East Sussex County Council
Child Health Clinic, Denton Church Hall, DENTON	Afternoons - 3rd Tuesday in every month	East Sussex County Council

7. PROVISION FOR DEALING WITH THE NEEDS OF THE MENTALLY DISORDERED

Under the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 1959 the East Sussex County Council makes provision for dealing with the needs of the mentally disordered. The provision of care in psychiatric hospitals is the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

SECTION III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLY

The district has two sources of water supply. All supplies are from the mains, direct to houses.

The supplies derive from (a) The Mid-Sussex Water Company's well sunk into the chalk at Poverty Bottom and (b) The British Railways well at Denton. This supplies the Harbour, four houses and the Railway and Harbour Hotels.

7 samples of the Water Company's treated water were submitted for analysis during 1968. All were found to be of good quality. The supply is ample for all purposes.

68 samples before treatment and 31 samples of treated water from British Rail's source were submitted for analysis by their Medical Department. The supply is satisfactory in quality and ample in quantity.

2. HOUSING

21 families were rehoused from unfit properties during the year. 113 Council properties were completed and none in course of construction at the end of the year.

188 private houses were constructed and 70 were in the course of erection at the end of the year.

At 31st December, 1968 the Council owned 762 houses, flats and bungalows.

3. SEWERAGE

With the exception of the following, all houses in the district are connected to public sewers.

Premises with Cesspools

West Pier	3
Court Farm Road	1
Harbour Heights	39
Denton - Mount Pleasant	4
Lewes Road .	10
New Road	2
Valley Road	8

4. SCAVENGING

Household refuse was collected by contract from all premises in the area within fifty yards of a reasonably accessible road. Where necessary, trade refuse was collected twice a week. All refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council tip at Lewes Road. Arrangements have continued whereby private persons are, on production of an authorisation, allowed to place waste material or trade refuse on the tip.

Arrangements were made during the year for Chailey R.D.C. to tip household refuse from certain of their parishes at the Lewes Road tip.

BULKY REFUSE COLLECTION

The service, begun in 1964, whereby householders can, by contacting the Surveyor's Department, have bulky articles removed and tipped free of charge, continued to be very popular. This takes place at fortnightly intervals on a Friday and an estimated total of 110 tons was collected during the year. This is having an obvious effect on the indiscriminate dumping of litter in the district.

5. HOUSING AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

The following is a list of the number and nature of inspections carried out during the year by the Public Health Inspector.

Housing:

Inspections under the Public Health Acts Re-inspections under the Public Health Acts Inspections under the Housing Acts Reinspections under the Housing Acts Inspection of Verminous Houses Reinspection of Verminous Houses Reinspection of Verminous Houses Infectious Diseases:	• • •	37 52 43 44 6 6
Food Poisoning		12
General Sanitation:		1.4
Water Supply Drainage Stables and Piggeries Fried Fish Shops Factories and Workshops Bakehouses Public Conveniences Refuse Accumulations Rats and Mice Caravan Sites Miscellaneous		8 25 13 26 52 14 32 18 39 64 71
Butchers Fishmongers Grocers Ice Cream Premises Dairies Restaurants and Cafes Canteens Licensed Premises Food Hygiene Regulations	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	42 46 57 16 49 32 47

6. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The retired Public Health Inspector appointed by the Council in 1965, who had been latterly engaged on this work one day a week, finally retired on 29th October, 1968.

The following inspections and registrations were made during the year:-

Class of Premises	Number newly registered during the year	Total registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving one or more inspections during the year
Offices	Nil	21	6
Retail Shops	5	64	40
Wholesale Shops Warehouses	-	7	
Catering Estabs. open to the public. Canteens	5	17	. 11
Fuel Storage Depots	-		••
TOTALS	10	109	57

During the year, the second survey was completed and a third commenced. Again, the need for continuous inspection of premises has been proved. Premises change occupier or use and come within or fall out of registration.

In addition to general inspections, 163 visits were made to registered premises, and premises exempt from registration by reason of being family businesses and where employees were engaged for less than a total of 21 hours per week.

It was found that the majority of premises complied with the Act apart from a few minor deficiencies such as shortages in first aid equipment and loss of abstracts of the Act.

7. ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Number of houses infested:-

Council houses ... Nil Private houses ... Nil

8. PREMISES CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS

- (a) <u>Clean Food Byelaws</u> are in force under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.
- (b) Slaughter of Animals. There is one licensed slaughterman in the district. There are no licensed slaughter houses.
- (c) Milk Supply. There are two dairies in the district from which milk is retailed.
- (d) Other Foods. All premises where food is prepared for sale were inspected as far as possible.

(e) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Category		ulation 16 Complying		ation 19 Complying
Butchers Fishmongers and Fried Fish Shop. Grocery Supermark Grocery & General Grocers Warehouse Licenced Premises Dairies Ice Cream Premise Canteens Cafes & Restauran Greengrocers	ets 2 Stores 24 1 20 2 32 10	6 3 2 24 1 20 2 32 10 17	6 3 2 24 1 20 2 32 10 17	6 3 2 24 1 20 2 32 10 17 7
TOTALS	124	124	124	124

9. UNSOUND FOOD

The following was condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Fresh Meat Tinned Meat Fresh Fish Tinned Fish Fresh Vegetables Tinned Vegetables Tinned Fruit Miscellaneous	Tons.	Cwt. 8 3 1 - 9 - 3	Qrt. 2 3 1 - 3 1	1bs. 20 22 - 11 3 - 4 10	0zs. 3 13 10 4 10
TOTAL	8	7	0	16	8

10. FACTORIES ACT 1961

In the Urban District of Newhaven there are no factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the above Act are enforced, and 66 in which Section 7 only is enforced.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. <u>Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)</u>.

PREMISES	NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPECTIONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	. 66 '	. 48	NIL	NIL
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L. A. (excluding outworkers premises).	8	4	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	74	52	NIL	NIL

2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICUL ARS	FOUN D	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H. M. INSPECTOR	REFERRED BY H. M. IN SPECTOR	NO.OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTION WAS INSTI- TUTED
Want of cleanliness (S.I.)		-	_	<u>-</u>	NIL
Overcrowding (S.2)	~ -	<u>-</u>		-	NIL
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)		- ^ · ·	<u>-</u>	 	NIL
Inadequate vent- lation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-		_	-	NIL
Sanitary Conven- iences (S.7)	1	<u>.</u>		- -	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to to Outwork)	-	-	_		NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outworkers

	SECTI	ON 133	SECTION 134			
Nature of work (1)	•	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	instances	Notices served (6)	Prosections
Curtains and furniture ture hang-ings.	3				-	gard.
Stuffed Toys	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4_			-	_	

SECTION IV

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Twelve cases of infectious disease were notified in Newhaven during 1968. The details were as follows:-

DISEASE	NUMBER OF CASES	ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
Measles .	6	_	=-
Food Poisoning	4	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	1	-

Food Poisoning

Three of these cases occurred in the same family. Intensive investigation failed to reveal the source of the Salmonella infection. The father was employed in the food industry and as a result was kept away from his work until clear of infection.

None of the other cases of infectious disease call for any commen comment.

The following figures relating to Vaccination and Immunisation were supplied by the East Sussex County Council:-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

		CHILD	Ţ.				
· · - · - · - · · - · · · ·	1968	1967	1966	1965	1961 1964	others under 16	TOTAL
A. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED A FULL COURSE OF PRIMARY IMMUNISATION IN THE AUTHORITY'S AREA DURING 1968.	50	70	2	1	. 4	1 .	128
B. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A SECONDARY (REINFORCING) INJECTION DURING 1968.		26	78	. 2	111	200	417

Since immunisation was first introduced there has been a dramatic fall in the number of cases of diphtheria and also in the number of deaths from diphtheria. In 1968 there were no deaths from diphtheria and seventeen cases compared with no deaths and nine cases in 1967. To prevent this disease from spreading once again it is vital to maintain a high state of immunity in the community. I cannot urge parents too strongly to ensure that their children are protected against this disease since almost all the cases and deaths occur amongst non-immunised children. It has become all too common to regard diphtheria as a disease which no longer occurs and that there is no need to have children immunised. This is a very dangerous practice and every child should be immunised during infancy and again at the start of school life.

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

		YEAR OF BIRTH						
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1961 1964	others under 16	TOTAL	
A. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED A FULL COURSE OF PRIMARY IMMUNISATION IN THE AUTHORITY'S AREA DURING 1968.	50	70	2	1	2	-	125	
B. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A SECONDARY (REINFORCING) INJECTION DURING 1968.	_	24	78	2	15		119	

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The following persons under 16 years of age were vaccinated or revaccinated against smallpox in 1968.

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION	0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	l year	2 - 4 years	5 - 15 years	TOT AL
NUMBER VACCINATED	1 .	3	-	2	91	10	3	110
NUMBER REVACCINATED	-	_	1000	-		3	9	12

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION

346 certificates requiring the signature of the doctor to be authenticated were dealt with during the year.

SECTION V

TUBERCULOSIS

In 1968 one new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified amongst Newhaven residents. One person already suffering from the disease moved into the area. No new case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis was notified. No death due to tuberculosis occurred in the district during 1968.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1968

		NI	EW CASES	5	DEATHS				
AGE GROUPS			1		DEATITO				
	Pulmor	nary	Non-Pul	Lmonary	Pulmo	nary	Non-Pu	Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Under 1 Year	-		-	-		-	-	-	
1 - 4	-		-	-	-		-		
5 - 14	-		-		(ma)	-		-	
15 - 24	-	1 t.i.		-	-	-	-	-	
25 - 34	_			-		-	-	-	
35 - 44	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
45 - 54	-		-	-	-	-		-	
55 - 64	l new		-	-	-	-	-	-	
65 +	-		-				t-min		
TOTALS	1	1	-	-	600	-			

t.i. = Move into District

NUMBER OF CASES ON REGISTER AT 31st DECEMBER, 1968

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Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	TOTAL
48	3	43	5	99
Whereas at 3	lst December, 1967	the number of o	cases on the reg	ister
53	3	45	5	106





